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Dear Barra Youth Council

PETITION FOR WI-FI ON CALMAC SERVICES

On behalf of the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership I would like to offer my support to your petition for WI-FI on the CalMac ferry routes between the Outer Hebrides and the mainland.

As you will be aware the OHCPP are keen to encourage an increase in both the number of new businesses and number of tourists on the islands, as well as improving services for islanders. High quality infrastructure is vital to ensuring the Outer Hebrides is an attractive place to do business, live and visit.

The Islands have much to offer new businesses but as you will be well aware the remoteness of the islands can be seen as a deterrent and barrier. From a business perspective Wi-Fi on the ferries would enable the long ferry journeys to be productive hours and not lost to businesses, encouraging investment in the islands and potentially securing employment opportunities.

From those using the ferries for leisure purposes (tourists and islanders alike), the long ferry journey experience would be enhanced with access to Wi-Fi.

I would like to re-iterate our support for your petition

Yours sincerely

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